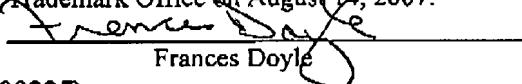


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the final Office action mailed April 19, 2007, Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced application be reconsidered based on the following:

- I. A complete listing of the claims appears on page 2 of this paper;
- II. Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper; and
- III. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this paper.

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